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Examiner : A. Chakrabarti
Group Art Unit : 1655
Applicant(s) : Timo Hillebrand et al.
Serial No. : 09/454,740
Filed : December 6, 1999
For : Formulations and method for isolating
nucleic acids from optional complex
starting materials and subsequent
complex gene analysis

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the official action dated December 20,
2000, please amend the above-referenced application as
follows:

In the claims:

Please see the attached sheet for the marked up and
clean versions of the claims showing changes.

Please cancel claim 6.